



After your marriage/registered partnership performed in United Kingdom and Ireland: entry in the Swiss civil status register

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Documents to submit

- marriage or registered partnership certificate** (certified copy of an entry of marriage or civil partnership)
 - newly issued original (no more than 6 months old)
- two **copies of the passport** of each spouse
- completed **marriage [questionnaire](#)**
- if one of the spouse / partner is a Swiss citizen and *domiciled in Switzerland*, a copy of their Swiss individual civil status certificate

For the foreign spouse or partner

- Birth certificate**
 - long version stating the names of both parents
 - newly issued original (no more than 6 months old)
- Confirmation of civil status** (please choose **one** of the following):
 - **Single** (never married/never in a registered partnership): [statutory declaration](#)
 - confirming marital status, nationality and place of residence at time of marriage
 - original
 - signed in the presence of a notary public or solicitor
 - bearing the apostille of the [Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office](#) (UK) or [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) (Ireland) (*paper version only; digital apostille or printed out digital apostille are not accepted*)
 - **Divorced/Dissolved partnership:**
 - original of divorce decree absolute or dissolution of registered partnership decision that specifies when it entered into force;
 - > bearing the seal of the High Court of Justice/County Court
 - > certified by a solicitor, notary public or court official
 - > bearing the apostille of the [Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office](#) (UK) or [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) (Ireland) (*paper version only; digital apostille or printed out digital apostille are not accepted*)
 - completed [divorce questionnaire](#)
 - **Widowed:** Death certificate
 - certified copy of an entry of death (original document); photocopies cannot be accepted

Important information

Please note that the documents will **not** be returned to you. Additional documents may be required.

- Did you check all the applicable boxes above? Once you have done so, post the required documents to the Regional Consular Centre in London **by registered mail** to:

**Regional Consular Centre, c/o Embassy of Switzerland,
16-18 Montagu Place, London, W1H 2BQ**

-> Please turn page.

Upon receipt of the relevant documents, we will translate and legalise the documents and forward them to the place of origin in Switzerland so that the family details can be updated in the Swiss central system (Infostar); this usually takes several weeks.

After the completed registration of the marriage and in case of a change of name, an application for a Swiss passport and/or identity card may be submitted through the website: www.schweizerpass.ch / www.passeportsuisse.ch / www.passaportosvizzero.ch

Translation

Only documents that are *not* in a Swiss national language or in English must be translated.

Fees

Entry of the marriage/partnership in the Swiss civil status register is free of charge

Please inform us if any of the required documents were issued outside the UK, Ireland or Switzerland: an advance payment may be required for the verification/legalization of the documents by the Swiss representation responsible for the country the documents were issued in. The process can take several months.

Where to obtain de documents

Birth certificate

Certified copy of an entry of birth / Extract of entry from a register of births

- **England and Wales:** www.gov.uk/general-register-office
- **Scotland:** www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/
- **Northern Ireland:** <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>
- **Ireland:** www.hse.ie

Marriage certificate

Certified copy of an entry of marriage / Extract of entry from a register of marriages

- **England and Wales:** www.gov.uk/general-register-office
- **Scotland:** www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/
- **Northern Ireland:** <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>
- **Ireland:** www.hse.ie

Divorce decree

- Court Administration where the divorce was finalized

Death certificate

Certified copy of an entry of death / Extract of entry from a register of deaths

- **England and Wales:** www.gov.uk/general-register-office
- **Scotland:** www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/
- **Northern Ireland:** <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>
- **Ireland:** www.hse.ie

Apostille

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UK <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/united-kingdom/en/home/services/zivstand/heirat-eingetragene-partnerschaft.html>

Ireland <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/ireland/en/home/services/zivstand/heirat-eingetragene-partnerschaft.html>